

Canna, Yellow King Humbert

CANNAS for Summer Beds

Cannas, in brilliant shades with majestic foliage, are invaluable for a lovely show in your garden or a special bed in the center of the lawn. The various shades of green or bronze foliage always provide an exotic effect. Start the roots early, as Cannas thrive best in midsummer heat. Cannas bloom freely until late fall. Water freely during dry spells. Store during winter as with Dahlias.

	3	Doz.
CITY OF PORTLAND. Rosy pink, luxuriant growth, green foliage. 4 feet	\$0.80	\$2.75
KING HUMBERT. Orange-scarlet, bronze leaf. 4 feet	.80	2.75
THE PRESIDENT. Enormous scarlet flowers with green foliage. 4 1/2 ft.	.80	2.75
WYOMING. Lovely orange flowers with bronze foliage. 3 1/2 ft.	.80	2.75
YELLOW KING HUMBERT. Yellow flowers with crimson dots. 4 1/2 ft.	.80	2.75

COLLECTION OF CANNAS

1 each of 5 Cannas (5 plants, unlabeled)	\$1.50
3 each of 5 Cannas (15 plants, labeled)	4.00

Double Tuberous Begonias

(Imported from Belgium)

These gorgeous summer flowering bulbs produce brilliant flowers which will steal the show every time, and delight you all summer until frost. They thrive best in moist soil in a shady spot. For earliest bloom, start indoors in March and April, and plant outdoors after the soil is warm. Plant indoors 2 inches deep. Brilliant colors and delicate shades are available: Double Camellia flowers. Copper, red, pink, salmon, scarlet, white and yellow. Your choice of color.

Large blooming size bulbs: 6 for \$1.00; \$1.75 per doz.; 25 for \$3.00; \$11.00 per 100.

Jumbo Size bulbs: 6 for \$1.50; \$2.75 per doz.; 25 for \$4.75.



New Begonia, Picotee

New Belgium Tuberous BEGONIA, PICOTEE

The Garden Thrill of a Lifetime. The peak of perfection in the development of new Hybrid Begonias! Picotee has all the elegance of form and texture of the regular Camellia-flowered types, and each petal is beautifully bordered with richly contrasting, yet harmonious color. Crisp, light pastel background colors are highlighted with salmon, rose, flame and coral stitching and feathering. Picotee makes the most glorious corsages and table arrangements—and is gorgeous when associated with white Begonias in the garden.

3 for \$1.35 10 for \$4.40 25 for \$10.50



Tuberous Begonia

ISMENE CALATHINA

(Peruvian Daffodil)

This summer blooming member of the Amaryllis family will bring great pleasure to every gardener. Planted in the spring, as soon as the soil has warmed up, it will flower in 3 to 6 weeks. The clusters of pearly white flowers are borne on stems 15 to 18 inches high. After blooming the abundant, glossy foliage remains in good condition until frost and adds to any foundation planting. Besides its qualities of beauty and easy growing performance, this flower has a lovely fragrance and keeps excellently as a cut flower. Dig bulbs in late fall, store at room temperature and take care not to break off the fleshy roots. Plant bulbs 8 to 12 inches apart.

Mammoth bulbs: Each 75c; 3 for \$2.00; 12 for \$7.50



Ismene Calathina

GIANT IMPORTED DUTCH AMARYLLIS

The newest, largest and showiest, true to color varieties imported for the great thrill they will give you. These bulbs will faithfully bloom again each year for many years to come. A few weeks after planting they bloom and keep their luxuriant foliage until frost. Full instructions sent with each order. Each bulb will produce one or two flower stalks, bearing from 4 to 8 huge flowers each. The flowers are from 8 to 10 inches across. Height 18 to 30 inches.

SELECT YOUR COLORS: Mammoth scarlet-red. Striped rose and white. \$3.15 each; 3 for \$8.75
Big pure white. Scarce pure pink. \$3.85 each; 3 for \$11.00

DOMESTIC AMARYLLIS BULBS

These varieties are offered in mixed colors only. They are indoor blooming and bring gladness and cheer during the winter months when the lack of color and flowers is felt most. Order now, will bloom in a matter of weeks.

MIXED DOMESTIC AMARYLLIS. Size 2 1/4 to 3 inches diameter. 3 for \$2.25; \$7.50 per doz.
Smaller bulbs, size 2 to 2 1/4 inches diameter. 6 for \$1.50; \$2.75 per doz.



Fancy Leaved Caladium

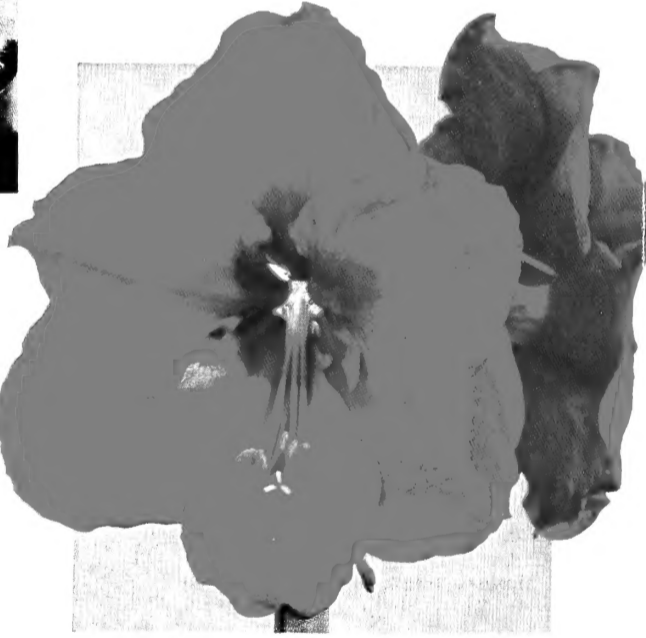
HEMEROCALLIS

(Daylilies)

Adaptable to hot and cold climates alike, and to any soil. Daylilies are unaffected by insects or diseases, and grow stronger and more beautiful through the years.

ANNA BETSCHER. Deep orange shaded bronze. 3 for \$1.75
HYPERION. Large, soft canary-yellow. 3 for \$1.75
OPHIR. Deep orange with reddish undertone. 3 for \$1.75

1 each of 3 Hemerocallis (3 plants, unlabeled)\$1.65
3 each of 3 Hemerocallis (9 plants, labeled) 4.35
6 each of 3 Hemerocallis (18 plants, labeled) 8.00



Imported Red Amaryllis

FANCY LEAVED CALADIUM

Becoming more and more popular for outdoor planting in summer, their colorful foliage replacing flowering plants. Equally suitable for full sun or shade, they will do well where Begonias are planted, in window boxes or foundation plantings in eastern and northern locations where there is plenty of light. Full instructions for starting bulbs indoors, and for later planting outside, will be enclosed with each order. We offer mammoth size bulbs, for while smaller bulbs are cheaper, they give little satisfaction. Available in the following most popular colors:

ATTALA. Medium green overlaid with large irregular blotches of light pink. Crimson ribs and veins.
BLAZE. Bronze-red leaves, bright red midribs and veins.
CANDIDUM. Snow-white leaf, with tracery of green ribs and veins.
CRIMSON WAVE. Crimson-red with deep green border.
DR. GROOVER. Large leaf of red and green blotches.
MACAFIBA. Dark moss green leaf, profusely spotted lilac; heavy scarlet ribs.

MISS CHICAGO. A new pink, low growing.
MRS. H. B. HALDEMAN. Bright pink leaf, narrow green edge.
RED ENSIGN. Bright metallic red, green border.

All varieties priced 70c each.
CALADIUM COLLECTION: 1 each 9 varieties (9 plants, unlabeled), \$5.50. 3 each 9 varieties (27 plants, labeled), \$15.00.



Hemerocallis



Iris, Shilka

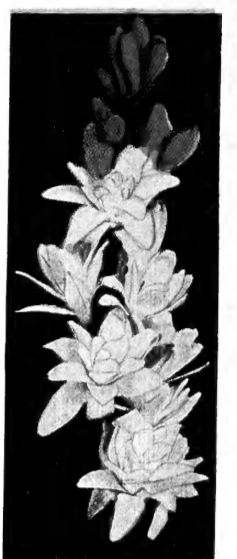
IRIS, SHILKA

(Vesper Iris)

If planted in spring will bloom this summer. The graceful filigree of the branches of these Vesper Iris is studded with from 100 to 200 jewel-like flowers, truly a mammoth bouquet. The delicately colored blossoms, which at a distance resemble a multitude of gorgeous butterflies at rest with motionless outstretched wings, vary in color, including such hues as translucent lavender with markings of mahogany, lemon, copper and orange-brown. The Shilka Iris, which are exceedingly easy to grow, bloom for a month during July and August when flowers are scarce. Vesper Iris resist both severe cold and intense heat with impunity. Be the first in your locality to grow this unique Iris. \$1.95 per 5; \$3.50 per 10

TUBEROSE—Double Pearl IMPORTED STRAIN

Delightfully fragrant, the Tuberose is regaining its place as a garden favorite. Plant in full sun after the soil is warm. For early bloom, start tubers indoors in pots, place in a sunny room. Dig before frost, and store at 70 degrees during the winter. Height 3 to 4 feet. 6 for \$1.25; \$2.35 per doz.



Tuberose

Spring Shoppers Specials

OUR OWN GLAD MIXTURE. Containing all colors. Doz. \$1.00; \$7.00 per 100.
MIXED MUM COLLECTION. Fine assortment of colors. 6 for \$1.00.
BELGIUM BEGONIA MIXTURE. All colors. 6 for \$1.00; \$1.75 per doz.
HEMEROCALLIS COLLECTION. All different colors. 3 for \$1.65.

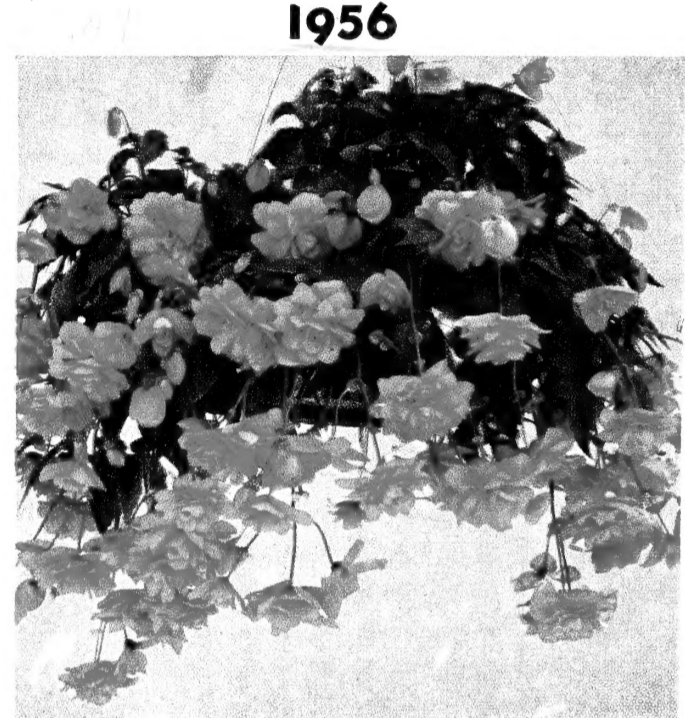
GARDEN BASKET SELECTION—for Flowers All Summer and Fall!

A superlative bargain consisting of one of each of the above collections. You will receive 12 first quality Gladiolus bulbs, all colors; 6 fine assorted Mums; 6 Belgium Begonias and 3 Hemerocallis—all for only \$4.00, postpaid.

HANGING BASKET or PENDULA BEGONIAS

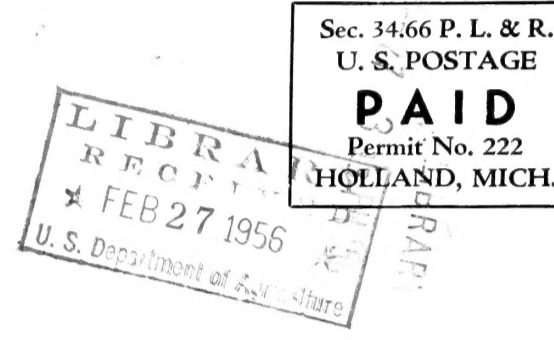
Plants of this type of Begonia are extremely prolific bloomers, often having hundreds of double blossoms to the plant, producing a veritable cascade of bloom. Ideal for basket planting or the rock garden. Available in pink, red, yellow and white.

Your selection of colors: 3 for \$1.25; 10 for \$3.50; 25 for \$7.95
Pendula Begonia Collection: 1 each of 4 colors (4 bulbs, unlabeled) \$1.50
3 each of 4 colors (12 bulbs, labeled) 4.00



Hanging Basket Begonia

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NELIS NURSERIES, Inc.

HOLLAND, MICH.

New Gladioli

Imported from the Netherlands

The Best European Varieties. Top size bulbs.

	Doz.	100
ABU HASSAN. Glossy deep violet-blue. Holds color to tip bloom. Early flowering, strong stems	\$1.25	\$ 8.50
BRIDAL ORCHID. Tall giant pastel-lavender. Produces fancy spikes. Early flowering	1.35	9.50
EVANGELINE. The finest tall giant pastel-pink. You will like it	1.25	8.50
FRIENDSHIP. Pure frosty ruffled deep pink. An immense blossom, very early	1.25	8.50
GOLD. Most beautiful of all yellows. It will grow taller than Spotlight. All buds will develop beautifully to the tip, holding up the bright deep Daffodil-yellow color	1.50	10.00
LEIF ERICSON. New large beautiful greenish creamy white. Produces big tall spikes	1.50	10.00
MOTHER FISCHER. New exquisitely ruffled, tall white. A blue-ribbon winner	1.50	10.00
ORANGE GOLD. Beautiful large glowing orange, strong healthy grower. Much wanted color in late summer and fall	1.25	8.50
SANS SOUCI. Very tall glowing deep red. Healthy grower, excellent producer of big spikes. None better	1.25	9.00
THE RAJAH. An impressive show Glad of large size, and outstanding glowing purple color	1.35	9.50

EUROPEAN GLAD COLLECTION

(Each variety labeled separately)

3 each of 10 varieties (30 bulbs)	\$ 4.00
6 each of 10 varieties (60 bulbs)	7.25
12 each of 10 varieties (120 bulbs)	13.00

SUPERIOR AMERICAN GLADIOLI

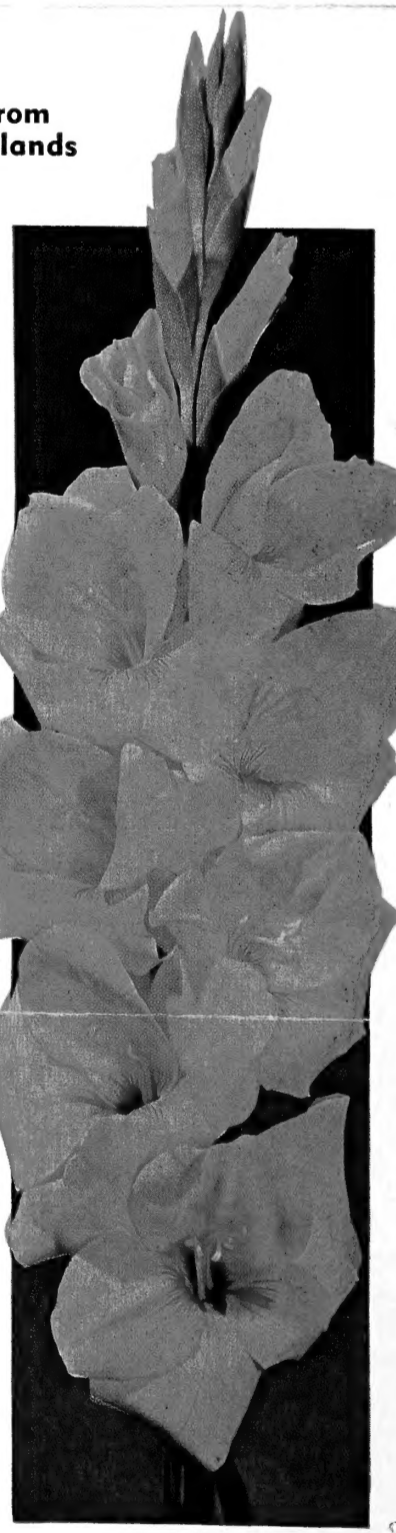
Top Size Bulbs

	Doz.	25	100
BEAUTY'S BLUSH. Very large florets of delicate blush-pink. Vigorous habit of growth	\$1.15	\$2.00	\$7.00
BENJAMIN BRITTON. Lovely purple with magenta sheen	1.15	2.00	7.00
BURMA. Deep rose, beautiful ruffled flowers on strong stem	1.15	2.00	7.00
ELIZABETH THE QUEEN. Pure cattleya lavender, with silvery sheen	1.15	2.00	7.00
ELMER'S ROSE. Soft, warm rose. Large florets	1.15	2.00	7.00
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE. Clean white, creamy throat. Ruffled florets	1.15	2.00	7.00
JOE WAGENAAR. Deep red. Fine exhibition variety, ideal cut flower	1.15	2.00	7.00
RED PERFECTION. Beautiful warm red, unique texture	1.15	2.00	7.00
SPOTLIGHT. Deep yellow with attractive small scarlet blotch	1.15	2.00	7.00

YELLOW HAROLD. Magnificent yellow of outstanding performance. \$1.15 per doz.; 25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$7.00.



Acidanthera Bicolor Murielae



Gladiolus, Spotlight

AMERICAN GLAD COLLECTION

(Each variety labeled separately)

3 each—10 varieties (30 bulbs)	\$2.95
6 each—10 varieties (60 bulbs)	5.25
12 each—10 varieties (120 bulbs)	8.95

ACIDANTHERA Bicolor Murielae

(Fragrant Gladiolus—Abyssinian Gladiolus)

This charming August bloomer is white with a maroon center. It smells like a Tuberose, looks like an Orchid, and grows as easily as a Glad. An ideal cut flower, it attains a height of 2 feet and should not be missing in any mixed beds or borders.

\$1.15 per doz.; \$2.00 per 25; \$3.85 per 50

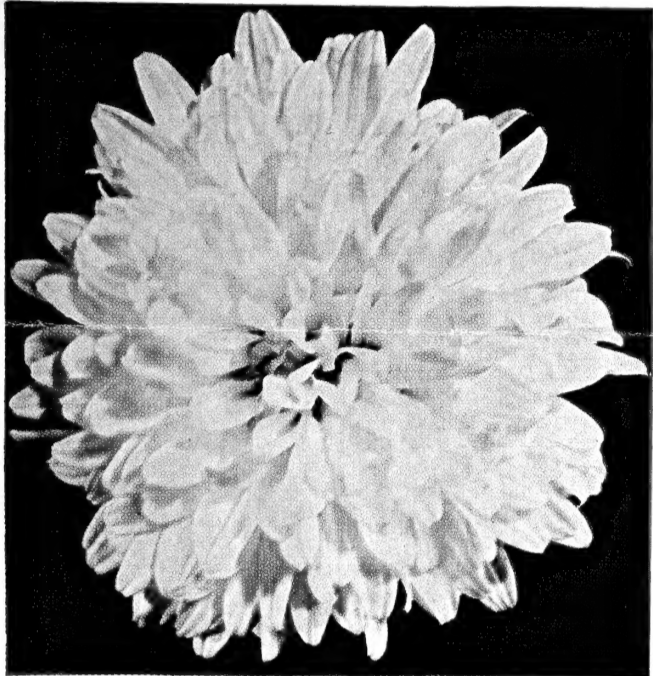
MOST POPULAR CHRYSANTHEMUM COLLECTION

A collection of our finest Mums in glorious autumn shades. These Mums will bloom from early fall until frost. The varieties chosen for this collection were the greatest attention-getters in our field last fall.

	Per 3	Doz.
BOUNTY. White, with creamy center, ball-shaped flowers of exquisite form, extremely free blooming. Ideal for cutting	\$1.00	\$3.50
CARMINE SPOON. Always popular, elegantly shaped Spoon Mum of carmine-red, outstanding new variety.	1.00	3.50
CHARLES NYE. Fully double, rounded flowers of rich butter-yellow. Blossoms 2 1/2 inches across on 18-24 inch stems	1.00	3.50
INSPIRATION. Full double, copper to bronze. A true autumn color	1.00	3.50
ORCHID HELEN. Orchid-lavender, the best in this color. Double, perfectly shaped, medium size flowers.	1.00	3.50
ROSITA. Clusters of nicely spaced rosettes of light Persian rose, free blooming. 3 ft. tall	1.00	3.50

MOST POPULAR MUM COLLECTION

1 each of 6 listed (6 plants, unlabeled)	\$3.15
3 each of 6 listed (18 plants, labeled)	7.75



Shasta Daisy, Horace Reed

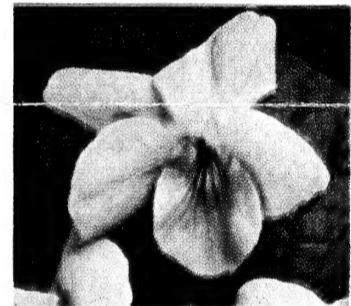
NEW HORACE REED. A Shasta of an entirely different flower structure, fully double, blossom pure white. An outstanding novelty, offered for the first time.
\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75; \$11.00 per doz.

WIRRAL'S SUPREME. New double, pure white. Aster-like flowers. A giant Esther Reed, at least twice as large, on tall, straight stems. These plants are the original imported stock. Prolific bloomers.
60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.

SHASTA DAISY COLLECTION

1 each of 4 new varieties (4 plants, unlabeled)	\$2.50
3 each of 4 new varieties (12 plants, labeled)	7.00

NEW COBHAM'S GOLD. Very latest novelty. A recent English introduction, the yellow Shasta Daisy Esther Reed. Cushion effect flowers, fine compact center petals of golden yellow, which shade radiates to the larger outer petals.
\$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00



Violet, White Wonder

Sweet Violets

ROYAL ROBE. Deepest violet-blue. A most floriferous Violet, which makes a beautiful rounded plant about 10 to 12 inches high. The fragrant dainty flowers show very prominently on top of the foliage.
45c each; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.

WHITE WONDER. Unusually lovely blossoms of pure white with faint veins of pink and blue. Very fragrant.
45c each; 3 for \$1.30; \$4.50 per doz.



Violet, Royal Robe

Buddleia, Bonfire

BUDDLEIA

(Butterfly Bush)

Planted in the spring, Butterfly bushes will delight you all summer until frost with their fragrant umbels of flowers. Planted in good soil and given plenty of water, they will thrive and continually make new growth. Buddleias attain a height of 4 feet. Their sweet fragrance attracts quantities of unusual butterflies. Ideal bushes for foundation planting or background for all summer flowers and Mums. Each Per 3

BONFIRE. A rich dark red, with pleasing deep green foliage. A very ornamental full shrub	\$0.75	\$1.75
DUBONNET. Lovely shade of wine-red, long stemmed, erect grower. An entirely new color in Buddleias	.75	1.75
ORCHID BEAUTY. Soft orchid-purple with brilliant orange eye. Strong growing plants. Silvery green foliage	.75	1.75
PINK DAWN. Flowers pink throughout, producing a great abundance of blooms and deep green foliage. The best Pink Buddleia known today	.75	1.75
WHITE QUEEN. Glistening white Buddleia with hardy, 8-inch spikes. An excellent shrub. Blooms are all out at once. Very fragrant	.75	1.75

SPECIAL: Our choice, all varieties mixed, \$3.75 per doz.

GLORIOSA ROTHSCHILDIANA

(Spider Lily of India)

A flamboyant new novelty for outdoor planting and summer blooming, growing to a height of 3 to 5 feet. It produces from 10 to 20 spectacularly beautiful scarlet and golden yellow flowers, which keep very well when cut, and can be used for bouquets or corsages. It grows best in a sunny location, preferably in a mixture of sand and leaf mold or peat moss, with a moderate amount of fertilizer placed under the bulb. Bulbs may also be planted in pots with drainage, 4 or 5 bulbs in a 12-inch container make an outstanding show.

Tubers 5 to 6 inches long, \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.50.
Tubers 6 to 7 inches long, \$1.25 each; 6 for \$7.25.



Climbing Lily (Gloriosa Rothschildiana)



ACHIMENES

Available in a complete mixture of colors, from white through pink, red, purple and blue, these interesting plants resemble the Gloxinia and require about the same culture as Gloxinias and African Violets. Plant in spring in a temperature of not less than 75 degrees, one inch deep in rich dirt, woods soil, or leaf mold, sand and well-rotted manure. Keep dark and barely moist until plants are up. The bulbs are small, and always will be, producing nice plants up to 15 inches high. When the weather has warmed up, they can be moved to flower boxes or hanging baskets. Never let them dry out. Prefer north or east light. Achimenes are covered with flowers for six months. In late fall dig them up and store frost proof in sand for spring planting. Plant 5 or 6 bulbs in one pot for best show.

Mixed only: \$1.50 per doz.; 25 for \$2.95; 100 for \$10.00.

Chrysanthemums



Rosita

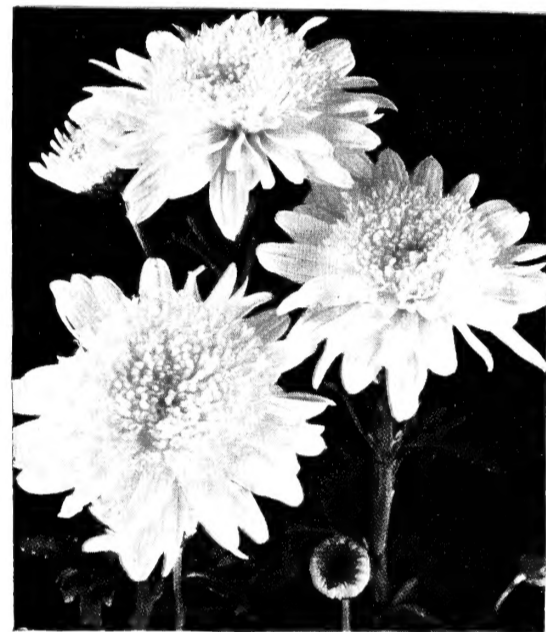
Bounty

Giant SHASTA DAISY Novelties

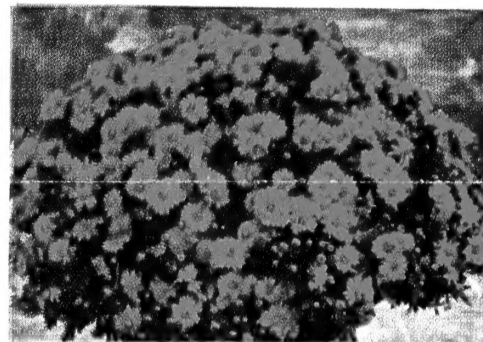
Finest Improved Daisy Strains Available Today.

AGLAYA. (Fringed Double.) This splendid grower, with large, double white flowers, is perfectly hardy. The lovely blossoms have fringed petals, and after the main early crop of blooms, it continues to produce flowers practically throughout the entire season.
60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.

EDGEBROOK GIANT. (Single.) Giant single blossoms with golden yellow center. Flowers measure up to 6 inches across, on plants 3 feet tall, free blooming until frost.
60c each; 3 for \$1.50; \$5.00 per doz.



Shasta Daisy, Wirral's Supreme



Golden Cushion Mum

CUSHION MUM COLLECTION

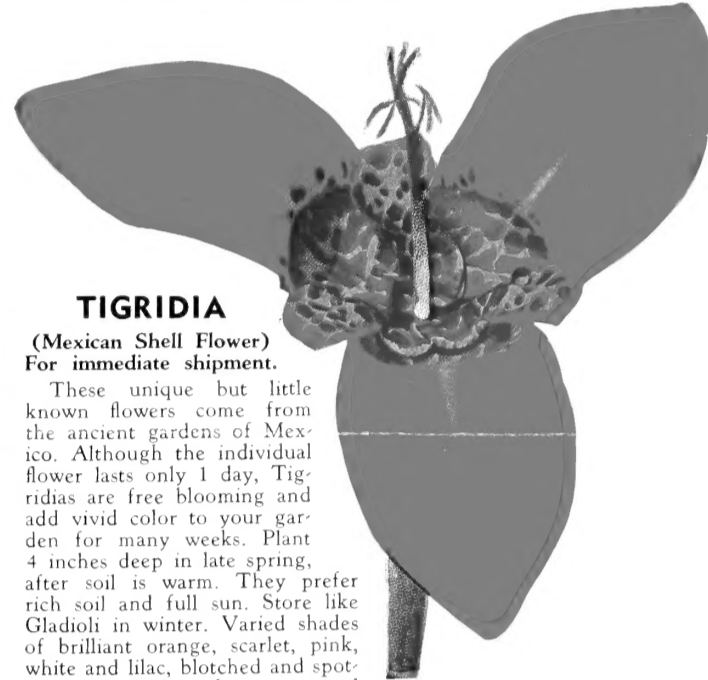
1 each of 6 (unlabeled)	\$ 3.15
3 each of 6 (18 plants, labeled)	7.75
6 each of 6 (36 plants, labeled)	15.00

CUSHION MUMS

(All Early Bloomers)

This prolific improved strain of low-growing Cushion Mums forms mounds of colorful blooms. Plants grow about 1 foot high, and spread 2 to 3 feet in width. In full bloom in September, and continue until frost. Winter hardy with a little straw protection. Sometimes called Million Mums as they are literally covered with blooms.

	Per 3	Doz.
BLACK VELVET. Beautiful deep maroon; very fine grower	\$1.00	\$3.50
BRONZE CUSHION. Warm golden bronze; very popular	1.00	3.50
GOLDEN CUSHION. Brilliant, pure golden yellow, non-fading. Produces multitudes of long lasting blooms	1.00	3.50
ORANGE CUSHION. Nicely proportioned plant, covered with a profusion of brilliant orange flowers	1.00	3.50
ROSE-LAVENDER CUSHION. Fine addition to this group. Delicate coloring, sure to please you	1.00	3.50
WHITE CUSHION. Opening to a clear delicate pink, the flowers turn pure white as they develop	1.00	3.50



TIGRIDIA

(Mexican Shell Flower)
For immediate shipment.

These unique but little known flowers come from the ancient gardens of Mexico. Although the individual flower lasts only 1 day, Tigridias are free blooming and add vivid color to your garden for many weeks. Plant 4 inches deep in late spring, after soil is warm. They prefer rich soil and full sun. Store like Gladioli in winter. Varied shades of brilliant orange, scarlet, pink, white and lilac, blotched and spotted with shades of crimson and maroon. Tigridias are free from diseases and easy to grow anywhere. Mixed only: \$1.55 per doz.; 25 for \$3.00

Dahlia Collections

We are listing here in 3 collections the best varieties, selected for color and form, and tested for quality. Plant early for maximum enjoyment.

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 1 4 Tubers for \$2.00

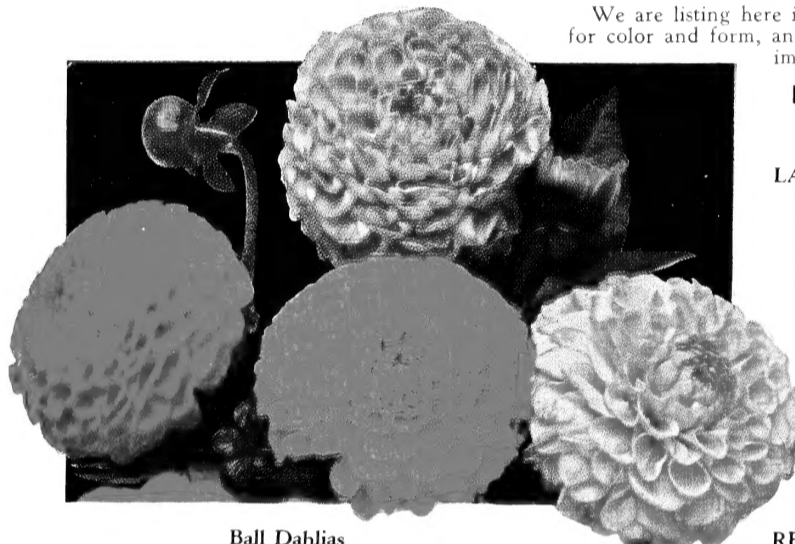
Ball size flowers, very free bloomers.

LAVENDER BALL. For years we have been growing different varieties of small lavender Dahlias, and now we have found the finest. The bush growth is thick, and flowers of pale lavender are prolific. Recommended. Each 75c

LITTLE BUDDY. The finest yellow pompon we have ever seen. Sometimes the blooms have tiny white tips, which add to their attractiveness. Always produces many perfect little blooms. Each 75c

PINK BALL. A pure baby-pink flower that seems to be made up of hundreds of pink quills. Everybody loves it, and women often say: "That's what I like!" Each 75c

RED BALL. Somewhat lower growing bush than the other ball Dahlias, but a prolific bloomer. A "must" in every collection. Each 75c.



Ball Dahlias

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 2 4 Tubers for \$3.00

Large flowering, the finest we could find for this collection.

COMMANDO. Perfect pure lavender, a huge flower which grows the way we wish all Dahlias would grow. Unsurpassed. Each \$1.00

D-DAY. A pure pink Dahlia that produces an abundance of perfect blooms. The flowers are well-formed, large, and the stems are ideal. One of the finest Dahlias grown. Each \$1.00

MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER. Giant deep crimson blooms, on a rather low growing bush. Probably the most dependable of the large reds. Each \$1.00

THE COMMODORE. A huge yellow Dahlia that gives more satisfaction in performance than any other Dahlia we know. Blooms continuously until frost. Very showy. 3 feet tall. Each \$1.00

DAHLIA COLLECTION No. 3 4 Tubers for \$5.00

Four Superlative Varieties

CLASS. A real giant, and each petal is as perfectly shaped as the smaller Dahlias. The huge yellow blooms seem to rest on top of the plant. This variety is unusually striking. Each \$1.50

MRS. THOMAS EDISON. Giant red blossoms with a silver sheen. Notice how square this bush grows. A very fine Dahlia which draws everyone's attention at once. Each \$1.50

OGDEN REID. General color effect is pink, which is sometimes described as "ashes of Roses." This variety is noted for the huge size of the blooms, and the large number of them. Recommended without reservation. Each \$1.50

RUFFLED GIANT. Finest Giant Dahlia grown for an accent in your garden. Flowers of brilliant orange are huge and encircle the top of the bush. Each \$1.50



Dahlia, Class

Free WITH EVERY \$5.00 DAHLIA ORDER

MONARCH OF THE EAST. This is our "money Dahlia" because its color is pure glistening gold. It is a true giant, with the finest glossy green foliage. This variety, we believe, is the finest in its color class.

Hardy Garden LILIES

For Immediate Shipment

LILIUM AURATUM

(Gold Band Lily). One of the finest Lilies known. Large ivory-white flowers, thickly studded with crimson spots and a golden band running through the center of each petal. Magnificent fragrance and ideal cut flower. August bloomer.
75c each; 3 for \$2.00; \$7.50 per doz.

LILIUM RUBRUM

Rich ruby-carmine on white background, stout of substance, with broad elegantly curved petals. An outstanding Lily in size and depth of coloring. Perfect in the garden, ideal for cutting, long-lasting for corsages.
70c each; 3 for \$1.75; \$6.75 per doz.



Lilium Rubrum

Blooms in August.

NEW FIREKING. An outstanding Lily which attains a height of 3 to 3 1/2 feet, bearing a crown of 20 to 25 blooms per stalk of a fiery flame-red. Blooms here in July.
\$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.75



Lilium Auratum